



April 2009

Welcome to the 2009 Miss Madison County Fair Queen Pageant! This year's pageant will be held on Sunday, July 19th in Highland at the Highland Elementary Auditorium. The auditorium is located less than a block away from the fairgrounds.

Each contestant will be responsible for obtaining a sponsor for herself. The sponsorship fee is \$50.00 and will need to be turned in by the June 28th practice. Your sponsor can be a business, family or friends. The paperwork should also be turned in at the June 28th practice. Sponsor checks should be made out to Miss Madison County Fair Queen Pageant.

Included in this document are the papers that you will need to complete.

1 – MC Information. The information on this sheet will be used in writing the information the MC will read while you are on stage. The judges will not see this page.

2 – Agreement. Please read over this document and sign where shown. This signed document lets me know that you and your parent/guardian have read the requirements and rules of participating. You should just turn in the signature page and keep the others for your reference.

3 – Application. This is the document that the judges will see and use for your interview. It is very important that you proofread this document carefully before submitting back to me. The judges will see this document as you give it to me. If you have problems with it, please let me know and I will be happy to help you. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that you **TYPE** this document. It is a PDF document and can be completed on your computer. Along with emailing me the document, you should print it out and then bring a clean copy to me.

I will fill in the Contestant # on your application.

All three pages need to be completed and returned to me by June 28, 2009.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Wendy Hartlieb
Director
Madison County Fair Queen Pageant

Master of Ceremonies Information

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Parents: _____

Likes: _____

Dislikes: _____

Sponsor: _____

***Miss Madison County Fair Queen Pageant
Rules and Contract
Pageant Director – Wendy Hartlieb (618) 779-5002***

1. Contestants participating in the Miss Madison County Fair Queen Pageant must be at least 16 years of age by the pageant date (July 19, 2009) and not have reached their 22nd birthday by January 1st of the following year (2010).
2. Contestants must be a single female; never have been married or had a marriage annulled.
3. Contestant can never have been pregnant and is not the adoptive parent of a child.
4. Contestants must have been a legal resident of Madison County, Illinois for six months prior to the pageant date or attend a high school or college or work (full-time or part-time) in Madison County.
5. Contestants must be a U.S. Citizen.
6. Contestants can never have been convicted of a felony offense.
7. Was born female and has always been female.
8. Contestants cannot have held a county fair queen title in Illinois or competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair at the state pageant.
9. Does not use or consume any illegal controlled substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
10. Is of good moral character. Has never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could be characterized as immoral or indecent. Attests that any and all online depictions associated with the contestant's name or likeness including but not limited to Facebook and MySpace pages are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Miss Illinois Fair Queen Pageant and the Miss Madison County Fair Queen Pageant.
11. Contestants will limit themselves to two holes/piercings in each ear lobe. All other piercings – ear or body – must be removed or covered. All tattoos must be covered.
12. Contestants are required to have a "Sponsor" (business or family) who accepts responsibility for their \$50.00 entry fee.
13. Contestants must attend all practices and rehearsals unless excused, in advance, by the Director. No exceptions!
14. Contestants cannot drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs or smoke during any pageant practices, rehearsals or other events they may attend as a contestant of the Miss Madison County Fair Queen Pageant (e.g. County Fair Queen Pageants, Photo Shoots, etc.) If any contestant drinks, smokes or uses drugs as outlined, they will immediately be disqualified from the competition.

Contestants agree to:

15. a) be personally interviewed, wearing a business suit or daytime dress by a panel of three judges
- b) appear on-stage for judging in a one-piece swimsuit, which has been pre-approved by the director, and taupe heels
- c) appear on-stage for judging in an evening gown of their choice
- d) present a speech up to 60 seconds in length, on the topic of their choice, on-stage for judging
- e) perform a short and easy production number with all contestants and the reigning queen at the beginning of the pageant. This is NOT judged.

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST AGREE THAT THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL!

***Miss Madison County Fair Queen's Duties,
Responsibilities and Expectations:***

- The newly crowned Queen will serve as the official hostess for the Madison County Fair July 19 – July 24, 2009.
- The Queen will represent the Madison County Fair at County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fair on Friday, August 14, 2009 if her work/school schedule allows.
- The newly crowned Queen will represent the Madison County Fair at the Southern Zone Meeting in November 2009 - date to be announced from the IAAF board.
- The newly crowned Queen will represent the Madison County Fair at the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs Convention held in January 14-17, 2010. All expenses for this event will be paid by the Madison County Fair Association.
- The Queen will not partake of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs and will refrain from smoking while representing the Madison County Fair, officially or unofficially, at any time.
- The Queen is expected to conduct herself appropriately at all times, regardless of whether she is officially representing the fair or not. If at any time during her reign she is charged with, or convicted of, a felony crime, she will be required to relinquish her crown, title and prizes immediately and the title will be offered to the first runner-up. If the first runner-up chooses to decline the position the title will then be offered to each of the following runnerup/contestants based on scores received at the Miss Madison County Fair Queen Pageant.
- The Queen is required to be present at the Madison County Fair for the entire week distributing award ribbons, being introduced at the Grandstand events and any other duties designated by the Pageant Director or any member of the Fair Board. The Director will work with the Queen to accommodate work/school schedules.
- While both work & school schedules are important, the Director does ask the Queen to speak with her employer about the possibility of a more flexible schedule during fair week.
- The Queen is strongly encouraged to visit as many other County Fair Queen Pageants with the Madison County Pageant Director, or approved chaperone, whenever possible.
- The Queen's attendance at local parades throughout the year is strongly encouraged but all events must be approved in advance by the director.
- The Queen is responsible for securing a convertible or appropriate transportation for parades.
- The Queen will be chaperoned by the Pageant Director or by someone approved by the director any time she officially represents the Madison County Fair.
- The Queen will not enter any other judged pageant during her reign (with the exception of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant) unless dates do not conflict with her responsibilities; however, she must consult with the director before making a commitment to participate in other pageants.
- The Queen's personal appearances must be approved in advance by the Pageant Director along with any photographic sessions or pictures taken or photos released with the Queen wearing her crown and/or sash officially representing the Madison County Fair.
- The Queen will be required to secure the prizes for the next year's Madison County Fair Queen Pageant.
- The Queen is expected to fulfill all of the duties and responsibilities outlined (above) and if any rule(s) is/are violated, she will immediately relinquish her title, crown and all prizes upon the direction of the Pageant Director. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title. Should she choose to decline the title, the following runner-up/contestants will be offered the title based on scores received during the Miss Madison County Fair Queen Pageant.

By signing this application, I agree that I meet each requirement and will fulfill all duties as described above, plus any others that are agreed upon by the pageant director and myself.

This form needs to be returned to the Pageant Director by June 28, 2009. Please keep the first 2 pages of this document for reference.

Contestant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Best Phone # to reach you: _____